

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TWO FORMER DOC OFFICERS ARRESTED

State Law Enforcement Division agents arrested and charged two former S.C. Department of Corrections' officers on Thursday morning, with Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature.

James Douglas Robinson, 55, of Casset, S.C., and Herbert Tyrone Champagne, Jr., 31, of Maysville, S.C., were arrested at approximately 9:00 a.m. and booked at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The arrest followed a joint investigation by SLED and the S.C. Department of Corrections. The case will be prosecuted by the Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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*** Warrants Attached**

ARREST WARRANT

H-169814

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

THE STATE
against

CHAMPAGNE, HERBERT TYRONE JR.

Address: MAYESVILLE, SC 29022

Phone: SSN: DL State: DL #:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6'01 Weight: 290

DOB: Agency OR#: Prosecuting Agency: ANY LAUREL OFFICER

Offense: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV. Offense Code: 013

Code/Ordinance Sec. COMMON LAW

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the County/ Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant CHAMPAGNE, HERBERT TYRONE JR.

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
101 S. MYLE ST
P.O. BOX 1809
LANCASTER, SC 29721

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
County/ Municipality of)
LANCASTER COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant G/A MICHAEL GREENE who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant CHAMPAGNE, HERBERT TYRONE JR. violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of LANCASTER)

in the following particulars:
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV. COMMON LAW

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

HERBERT CHAMPAGNE, JR. WAS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT Kershaw Correctional Institute in Lancaster County. ON DECEMBER 14, 2001, HE AND OTHER OFFICERS DISCOVERED INMATE MAKING PLANS TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON. WAS HANDCUFFED BEHIND HIS BACK AND WAS ASSAULTED BY CHAMPAGNE WHILE BEING ESCORTED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE PRISON. OFFICERS CHAMPAGNE AND ANOTHER OFFICER BOTH RANMED HEARD FIRST INTO SEVERAL STEEL DOORS. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES NEVER REGISTERED THE OFFICERS IN ANY WAY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
JANUARY 28, 2004
Signature of Affiant
Affiant's Address: P.O.B. 21398
Affiant's Telephone: 803-737-9000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
County/ Municipality of)
LANCASTER)

ARREST WARRANT
TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that on 12/14/01 defendant CHAMPAGNE, HERBERT TYRONE JR. did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of LANCASTER) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV. COMMON LAW

Now, therefore, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 1809
LANCASTER, SC 29721

Judge's Telephone: 803-283-3983
Issuing Court: X Magistrate X Municipal X Circuit
J M POPE

ORIGINAL

ARREST WARRANT

H-169813

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

THE STATE
against

ROBINSON, JAMES DOUGLAS

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5'11 Weight: 225

DL State: D#

DOB: [REDACTED] Agency OR#: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency: ANY LANCASTER OFFICER

Prosecuting Officer: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

Offense: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

Offense Code: 013

Code/Ordinance Sec. COMMON LAW

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County/ Municipality of

The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge (L.S.)

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant ROBINSON, JAMES DOUGLAS
on 2-5-04

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

101 S. WYLLIE ST

P.O. BOX 1809

LANCASTER, SC 29721

Entered 2/18/04

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant S/R MICHAEL GREENE

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant ROBINSON, JAMES DOUGLAS
did within this county and state on 12/14/01

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of LANCASTER
in the following particulars: violate the criminal laws of the

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

COMMON LAW

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

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BEHIND HIS BACK AND WAS ASSAULTED BY ROBINSON WHILE BEING ESCORTED TO
ANOTHER PART OF THE PRISON. OFFICERS ROBINSON AND ANOTHER OFFICER BOTH
ARMED [REDACTED] HEAD FIRST INTO SEVERAL STEEL DOORS. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES
NEVER REGISTERED THE OFFICERS IN ANY WAY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on JANUARY 08, 2004

Signature of Affiant
Signature of Issuing Judge

Signature of Affiant
Affiant's Address: POB 21398

COLUMBIA, SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000 020-0000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of
LANCASTER

ARREST WARRANT

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If appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
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did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
County/ Municipality of LANCASTER
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COMMON LAW

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Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 1809

LANCASTER, SC 29721

Judge's Telephone: 803 263-3983

Issuing Court: Magistrate: Municipal: Circuit:

Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 879
J M POPE

ORIGINAL

Form Approved by
SC Attorney General
July 26, 1993
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